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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 31 October 1998

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

Second regular session of 1998

10 a.m.-
1 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference Room 8

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m.

closed meeting

Conference Room 8

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up area".

Monday, 2 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 50th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/544/) [125].
2. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/545) [136].
3. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/546) [140].
4. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [49].
5. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.17) [20 (b)].
6. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:
 - (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/53/286);
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.18);
 - (c) Amendment (A/53/L.19).

3 p.m. 51st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:

- (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/53/286);
- (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.18);
- (c) Amendment (A/53/L.19).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 2

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 (*continued*)

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

**SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)**

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [85] (A/53/127, A/C.4/53/L.8): *general debate*
2. Allocation of items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (A/C.4/53/9)

SECOND COMMITTEE

- 10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 31st meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber
1. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/416, A/53/447 and Corr.1, A/53/453, A/53/493, A/53/506, A/C.2/53/4)
 - (e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/53/553, A/C.2/53/3)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98] (A/53/329, A/53/223 and Add.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

Introductory statement and general discussion

- 3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 32nd meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber
1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Juan Somavía, President of the Economic and Social Council
 2. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98] (A/53/329, A/53/223 and Add.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

- 10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 30th meeting Conference
Room 1
- Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/53/372)
- Introductory statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights*
- Dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights*
- General discussion*

- 3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 31st meeting Conference
Room 1
1. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]
Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.19 and A/C.3/53/L.20
 2. Rights of peoples to self-determination [109]
Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.16 and A/C.3/53/L.17
 3. Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/53/372)
Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

- 10 a.m.-
1 p.m. informal consultations
(closed) Conference
Room 5
- Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28))
- 3 p.m. 18th meeting Conference
Room 3
1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]
Thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933, A/52/575, A/52/339 and Add.1, A/52/776, A/52/777, A/52/821, A/52/1010, A/52/1020 and A/53/467)
Conclusion of general discussion
 2. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]
Conclusion of general discussion
 3. Joint Inspection Unit [165] (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206, A/52/267 and A/53/180)
Conclusion of general discussion
 4. United Nations common system [120] (A/53/30, A/52/811 and A/C.5/53/27)
Introduction and general discussion

5. United Nations pension system [121] (A/53/9, A/C.5/53/18 and A/53/511)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Joint Inspection Unit: More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session of 1998

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

Ms. Catherine Bertini, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, will brief delegations of the General Assembly on "Eradicating Hunger". The Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, Mr. David Prendergast, will chair the briefing. This meeting is in connection with agenda items 95 (Operational activities for development (relief/development linkages)), 103 (Advancement of Women), 98 (Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) and 110 (b) (Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms). The briefing will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations from 2 to 13 November 1998 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D. Copies of the preliminary draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

The twentieth meeting of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

United Nations Convention
on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Oceans and the Law of the Sea) will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, in Conference Room 4, following the adjournment of the 19th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 2 November 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (item 37: *World Summit for Social Development*)

9.30 a.m.-
10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (item 108: *Racism and Racial Discrimination*)

9.30 a.m.-
10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference
Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on the *Development Account; Revitalization of Habitat; Business and Development; and Cultural Development*)

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room C

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Room CB-2

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (item 91 (a): *Trade and development; and item 98: Implementation of the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty*)

11 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on sub-items 94 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): *Environment and sustainable development*)

3 p.m.-
4.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room C

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

4 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on item 91 (b): *Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development; item 91 (c): Commodities; and item 92(b): Industrial development cooperation*)

4.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room C

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Tuesday, 3 November 1998

Fifty-third session

General Assembly Hall

- (a) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/53/442);
- (b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/443);
- (c) Curricula vitae (A/53/444, Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French and Spanish only) and Add.1).

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Conference
Room 5Conference
Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Conference
Room 4

**Trusteeship
Council Chamber**

Conference
Room 10

**Conference
Room 10**

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoep (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garretón (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences is open until Monday, 2 November.

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The 240th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (*at the ambassadorial level*) will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Dialogue

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will hold a dialogue with representatives of non-governmental organizations on the follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, at 3 p.m. sharp in Conference Room 1.

Seminar

A seminar on the theme "Accounting for Gender in National Budgets", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The main speaker will be Ms. Diane Elson, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UNIFEM. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations

The informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and on Friday, 6 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

Briefing

The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

49th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/419) [35]

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso (on behalf of the Organization of African Unity), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Nigeria (on behalf of the African States), Senegal, Swaziland, Tunisia, Japan, Norway, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, the Republic of Korea and Benin.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2011 (XX) of 11 October 1965, the observer for the Organization of African Unity made a statement.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [23]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/275 and Add.1):*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/53/L.15)*

The representative of Guyana made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.15.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Jamaica and the Republic of Korea.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/8 of 16 October 1991, the observer for the Caribbean Community made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.15 (resolution 53/17).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 23.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 168 entitled "Dialogue among civilizations" would be considered on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, in the morning.

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

16th and 17th meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Mexico, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, Bulgaria, New Zealand, France, Malawi, the Czech Republic, Singapore, Uruguay, Sweden, the Philippines, Israel, Pakistan, Japan, Italy, Greece and Nigeria.

The observers for Switzerland and for the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee also made statements.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. João Clemente Baena Soares, introduced Chapters VI, VIII and IX of the Commission's report.

The Special Rapporteur, Mr. P.S. Rao, commented on the observations made by delegations on the topic concerning prevention of transboundary damage from hazardous activities.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Organization [154]

The representative of Ukraine introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3 entitled "Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions."

It was announced the Belarus and Turkey have joined the list of sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3.

Addendum to the summary of the 13th meeting of the Sixth Committee (see Journal No. 1998/206, p.12): the following text should be added:

The Committee noted that the observations by the International Court of Justice on the consequences that the increase in the volume of cases before it had on its operation, submitted in response to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 52/161 of 15 December 1997 and contained in document A/53/326, related closely to item 113 of the agenda of the current session of the General Assembly, an item assigned to the Fifth Committee.

Consequently, the Committee requested its Chairman to transmit that document to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee without delay for possible consideration by that Committee in connection with agenda item 113.

Friday, 30 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3938th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1998/997)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1011, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/1011).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1011) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1204 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

19th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work.

Thematic discussion

A statement was made by the representative of Panama on behalf of the Rio Group.

Presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.43.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.30.

The representative of Romania made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.30.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.18.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.3*.

The representative of the United States introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.49.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.33 and A/C.1/53/L.24.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.24 and introduced amendments to that resolution in A/C.1/53/L.51.

The representative of Brazil, on behalf of MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile, and the representative of France made statements on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.33.

The representative of Saudi Arabia made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.3*.

The representative of the Republic of Korea made a statement on draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.6 and A/C.1/53/L.38.

20th meeting

The representative of Romania made a statement.

The Committee continued its second stage of work.

Presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80

The representative of South Africa introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.41/Rev.1.

The representative of Portugal made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.13/Rev.1 and A/C.1/53/L.41/Rev.1.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.39.

The representative of Mongolia made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.1.

The representative of Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR, as well as of Bolivia and Chile) made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.9.

The representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.32/Rev.2.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.31/Rev.1.

The representatives of Finland, Ireland and Portugal made statements on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.31/Rev.1.

The representative of the United Kingdom introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.12.

SECOND COMMITTEE

29th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.21

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representatives of Indonesia and Kenya introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam and Indonesia.

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) Trade and development

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the President of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Brazil (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), Bangladesh, the United States, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Thailand (also on behalf of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam), China, Australia (also on behalf of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Paraguay, the Philippines, South Africa, Thailand and Uruguay), Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Pakistan.

The representative of the European Community also made a statement.

30th meeting

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 91 (a).

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Turkey, Georgia, Singapore, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Viet Nam, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Panama (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Guyana), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Philippines and South Africa.

The representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 91 (a).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

The Committee began consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as the associated country, Cyprus, which aligned themselves with this statement), Norway, Nigeria, China and Zambia.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 93 (c) and (f) was Monday, 2 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE

29th meeting

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Cape Verde, Senegal, Argentina, Lebanon, Rwanda, Ukraine, Australia, Mongolia, the Philippines and Bhutan.

The Committee concluded its general discussion of the item.

Advancement of women [103]

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.10

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that the Bahamas, Chile, Croatia, the Gambia, Latvia, Nigeria, Slovenia and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cyprus, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Hungary, India, Liechtenstein, Mali, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as corrected, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.11

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Netherlands corrected the text and announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Benin, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Guyana, Latvia, Madagascar, Thailand and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, India, Poland and Swaziland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as corrected, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.12/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway orally revised the text, announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Barbados, Burundi, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Namibia, New Zealand, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago and Turkey should have been original sponsors of the draft resolution, and also announced that Austria, Belgium, Israel, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Romania and the United Kingdom had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Thailand and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.13

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Fiji, Guatemala, Guinea, Kenya, Latvia, Madagascar, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Morocco, Myanmar, Poland, Samoa, the Sudan, Suriname, the United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, the United States and Yemen had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Belarus, Botswana, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Guyana, India, Lesotho, Malawi, Swaziland and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 103.

Right of reply

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

17th meeting

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Algeria, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba and Yemen.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services responded to questions posed.

*Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]**Joint Inspection Unit [165]*

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to conclude the general discussion on agenda items 112, 145 and 165 on Monday, 2 November 1998, in the afternoon, and to close the list of speakers on those items the same day at 1 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of Tunisia made a statement in connection with the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/53/414.

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

194th meeting

The Chairman spoke.

Draft report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/AC.154/1998/CRP.1 and CRP.2)

The Chairman made a statement. The Rapporteur introduced the draft report, which was then adopted by the Committee.

Other matters

The Chairman spoke.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica and the United States, as well as by the observer for Malta.

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Twentieth session

9th meeting

The representatives of Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia and the Netherlands made statements.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the revised text of its draft resolution B, as orally amended.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Netherlands (on behalf of the Western European and Other States Group), Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States Group), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Belarus (on behalf of Eastern European States Group).

The Under-Secretary-General for Public Information and the Chairman of the Committee also made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its twentieth session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Slovenia (30 October 1998)

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Signature: Albania (25 June 1998)

Signature: Armenia (25 June 1998)

Signature: Austria (25 June 1998)

Signature: Bulgaria (25 June 1998)

Signature: Croatia (25 June 1998)

Signature: Cyprus (25 June 1998)

Signature: Czech Republic (25 June 1998)

Signature: Denmark (25 June 1998)

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Signature: Romania (25 June 1998)

Signature: Slovenia (25 June 1998)

Signature: Spain (25 June 1998)

Signature: Sweden (25 June 1998)

Signature: Switzerland (25 June 1998)

Signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (25 June 1998)

Signature: European Community (25 June 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Sudan

H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

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Oman

H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai

Eastern European States:

Romania

H.E. Mr. Ion Gorita

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Ecuador

H.E. Mr. Luis Valencia Rodríguez

Western European and Other States:

Australia

H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley

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